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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit an amendment to the claims of the subject Reissue

Application.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1 through 13 remain pending and have not been amended. New claims 14 through 19 are added to more broadly claim the invention in terms of the inventive features indicated by the Examiner in '830 patent's December 12, 2002 Notice of Allowability, that are applicable to both front engine - front drive (FF) based and front engine - rear drive (FR) based four-wheel drive vehicles. Since these claims are broader than those in the originally issued patent, Applicant respectfully submits that the support in the disclosure of the specification for the newly added claims is inherent.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.